

From the Editor

Happy New Year from each of us to each of you. The Annual Awards Banquet in early December capped off the club activities for 2012. Great job by Jim KE6WHN and his crew for pulling it off under some somewhat tenuous conditions.

A lot of members helped ring in the New Year by participating in Straight Key Night at the clubhouse on New Years Eve. It was a blast seeing and using many of the antique transmitters and receivers in the W7OS Museum, and enjoying the food and fellowship. Hats off to Randy WB4SPB (and Sooz), and Rich KR7W for hosting the get together. A first class production.

Coming up in February we'll again have the opportunity to Freeze Our Buns Off. I had a blast doing it last year and I'm looking forward to it again. On one hand, I hope that the weather is as mild as it was in 2012, but on the other hand our intrepid team can score more points in the contest as the temperature plummets to the sub-freezing range.

The Museum Committee has submitted a very informative report for this issue, tabulating the year's accomplishments and outlining their goals for the future. And up in his workshop near Alder Lake, Bob K7MXE has been busy building components to enable erection of the new telescoping mast.

Lo and Behold! Sparky finally found a new ribbon for his old Smith Corona, and has compiled an outstanding report detailing the contributions of the club's members over the past year. Thanks Sparky, and THANKS TO EACH ONE OF YOU for your efforts and interest. That is what keeps this club going so well.

By now, each of you should have found your Membership Renewal Notice in the mailbox. Please take time to promptly renew, thus saving the membership committee extra work, and ensuring that you are listed in the Club Directory.

-73 - W7MWF Mike

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**5 December 2012 Board Meeting
Minutes****5 December 2012**

The 5 December 2012 Radio Club of Tacoma Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma. Vice President WY7V called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Officers and board members present:

Vice President	Casey Hicks WY7V
Secretary	Larry Watson KD4VOM
Board Member	Al Ferguson N7OMS
Board Member	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board Member	James Mendenhall KE6WHN
Board Member	Nick Winter K7MO
Board Member	Glen Galati KA7BOJ

Minutes:

**The minutes of the 7 November 2012
Board meeting, as coordinated and cor-
rected, were approved without objection.**

HEALTH AND WELFARE: None reported

SECRETARY'S REPORT: KD4VOM reports the following correspondence;

Utility Bills
Bank Statements
Salmon Run Pledges
Electric Radio
Newsletters
QEX
Insurance Equipment List

TREASURER'S REPORT: Larry KD4VOM circulated the monthly financial report which was accepted without comment.

A copy of this report is attached to the original copy of these minutes and available on the W7DK.org website for membership access.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Membership:** Larry KD4VOM

The current membership stands at 302.

Work will begin soon on the membership renewal process.

RCT Information Technology Committee:-- Randy Myers WB4SBP

Randy provided a Board a report which reviews the 2012 Information Technology acquisition and installation of Information Technology hardware and software and proposes IT Committee goals for 2013

2012 IT Summary,

Three Windows 7 computers and associated peripherals have been acquired and installed; one in the HF room, one in the Classroom and the third in the Lou Simons room together with a large screen display

2013 Goals:

The IT committee will continue to develop and document administrative procedures for ongoing maintenance of the Club IT equipment and data.

The Committee will train its own members and other, deputized Club members as necessary to assure that ITT-related administrative tasks can be handled in a timely and professional manner now in the future.

The IT Committee will assist the Board in acquiring and deploying future equipment and/or software called out in the Recommendations report of 8/30/2012, as the Board desires.

The IT Committee will pursue other goals consistent with its charter and as directed by the Board

*A copy of the IT 5 December 2012
Report to the Board is attached to
the original copy of the minutes.*

Al Ferguson N7OMS recommended the purchase of surge protectors for the new equipment. These items have been previously approved in the IT Budget.

IT Barcoding Research Project: Larry KD4VOM

Larry proposed that the Board task the IT Committee with researching the possibility and affordability of establishing a Club property inventory system to facilitate the documentation, inventory, and selection of items for disposition.

The Board requested the IT Committee to undertake this project.

Museum: Rich Patrick KR7W

Doc Spike Museum Committee report

Museum Purpose, Goals and Budget report to the Board

The proposed Doc Spike Museum Budget for 2012 for QSL Cards and stationary supplies, miscellaneous restoration parts, building materials and contingencies was \$ 455.00

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Doc Spike Museum Committee report and approve the 2013 Museum Budget in the amount of \$ 455.00

A copy of the Doc Spike Museum Committee Report is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Museum Property Proposed for disposal.

Rich presented a list of 97 Museum holdings which the Museum no longer requires.

A copy of the Museum's proposed disposition list is attached to the original copy of the minutes.

The Museum proposes to turn over the listed items to the Property Manager for further disposition.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the transfer of the list of no longer required Museum holdings to the Club's Property Manager for their action.

During the discussion of the motion, Larry KD4VOM asked if there were any items on the list that might be of value to another amateur radio organization which maintains a museum. One item was identified as having possible value.

Agreement was reached to offer that item to any know regional museums who hold similar equipment.

There was a brief discussion on the Henry Linear Amplifier and it's disposition.

The Board deferred consideration of the disposition of the Henry Amplifier

Property Management:

Rich Patrick KR7W (Representing the Club's Property Manager Frank AC7JY) Rich announced the Property Managers agreement with the proposed use of the recently donated MA 40 Crank Up Mast in support of the Club's requirements. Rich KR7W and Bob K7MXE presented

a proposal to install and use the recently donated MA 40 Crank Up Mast in support of a historical plan to establish a Club VHF/UHF Weak Signal/Satellite station. This proposal occurred during Past President Mick Pier's term, and a Yeasu FT 747 Satellite VHF/UHF transceiver was acquired for that purpose. A VHF/UHF antenna has been donated by Steve Blacksten AD7VL. Bob K7MXE presented the technical specifications for installing the Mast base and a proposed budget of \$ 500.00 for base installation and associated coaxial cable and fittings.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the installation of the MA 40 mast and associated cabling and fittings in the amount of \$ 500.00

Donation Promotion:

Rich KR7W presented a statement from Frank AC7JY addressing the need to improve our donations promotion... The Property Manager requests ideas from the Board on how to improve the promotion and solicitation of donations to the Club. Frank notes that Steve Morton AD7AB is planning to add a handout brochure to students in the Technician Classes.

Tower Offer:

Casey WY7V announced that she has a tube tower to donate to the club, but it needs to be taken down.

Property Inventory and Insurance:

Larry KD4VOM recommended we act promptly to complete the club's equipment inventory and valuation, in part to correct an outdated Marsh Equipment Insurance listing which is not only out of date, but contains gear the Club no longer owns, and doesn't contain several expensive items, transceivers, and IT hardware which are not currently insured.

Larry also noted that he has been in discussions with the Treasurer Bob Purdom AD7LJ to explore moving our Club's insurance coverage from Marsh to the recently ARRL recommended Hays Company

Framl sent a message encouraging the Board to promote property donations. The Property Management Team needs gear to sell at the Mike and Key Hamfest coming up in early March. Surplus equipment is becoming scarce. Frank also indicated he plans to initi-

RCT General Meetings

ate EBay sales.

Club Insurance Policies: Larry KD4VOM

The Club carries three insurance policies with the Marsh Company; Property, Liability and Equipment.

A few months back, ARRL recommended changing Club insurance policies from Marsh to the Hays Company. At the time we deferred our decision, staying with Marsh. Recently when we asked for a copy of our currently insured equipment list, they initially said it would take around three weeks, but actually sent it by email about 10 days later. Larry and Bob AD7LJ have been in discussions about the pros and cons of switching our coverage to Hays. The ARRL claims it is not only cheaper, but can be accessed and managed on line. Bob intends to explore our options and make recommendations to the Board.

Repeater Committee: Nick K7MO

Nick reports he has used his laptop modem to be able to remotely reprogram our 147.28 repeater. Using this method he has removed the announcements.

He has already acquired three 5K Master Two repeater control receivers from K7HW to support remote management of our 2 meter repeaters. He proposes to use a 440 frequency for this purpose and will acquire WWARA coordination for a frequency.

Nick asked about how the Net Controllers are using the repeater codes for Net Use; Jim KE6WHN announced that he uses them to turn on and off the IRLP for the net. There was a short discussion about the need for turning off the tone.

Nick reports the 147.38 should be returned to service within a month. **Facilities Management:** Bruce Hanson WE7P

The Facilities Management Committee is in the process of collecting facilities proposals and projects.

Grounds Maintenance: Bob K7XE reports that he is retiring from the grounds maintenance work he has managed for many years.

Bob also reports that the lawnmower requires service. He was only able to start it using a battery charger, and manual cranking is hard. When it starts it blows black smoke. It needs a new battery and has a flat tire which could

use a tube.

There was a motion made, seconded and passed to authorize up to \$ 200.00 to have the mower serviced/repaired.

Training:

Next Technician Class is 8/9 December

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Hamfest: Larry KD4VOM

The Bethel facility bill has not yet been received. He still expects a transfer of around \$ 1,000.00 to the club treasury.

Emergency Operations Plan: KD4VOM

Larry Watson KD4VOM reports that workload and other factors have yet again delayed getting the Club's EmComm plan underway...

Salmon Run:

Larry KD4VOM noted that many of the Salmon Run Pledge responses have been received. So far in this year's Salmon Run \$2,709.00 has been received, There are a handful of remaining pledges due...

NEW BUSINESS:

General Membership Meeting Cancellation:

It was noted that the second General Membership Meeting in December occurs the day after Christmas.

It was moved, seconded and passed to cancel the Wednesday, 26 December General Membership Meeting.

Open House Access: Larry KD4VOM

Larry requested approval for Paul Matney KF7PFU to be added to the Open House Duty Officer List and associated alarm and key access.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize Paul Matney KF7PFU alarm and key access to Club facilities

Computer/Transceiver Interface: Al N7OMS

Al recommends we consider the purchase of a West Mountain Rig Blaster Advantage sound card interface for use with various digital and other modes of operations.

There was a discussion of sound card options, including the popular Signallink from Tigertronics. The Rig Blaster Advantage provides several features not included with the Signallink, in particular Rig Control capabilities.

Mike and Key Table: Larry KD4VOM

Larry proposed the Board authorize the usual reservation of the RCT Club Table at Mike and Key.

A motion was made seconded and passed to reserve an RCT Club table at the Mike and Key Hamfest

A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize \$ 350.00 to purchase the West Mountain Rig Blaster Advantage and associated coaxial cable, connectors and cabling.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Non reported**ANNOUNCEMENTS:****Washington State EOC Meeting Planned:**

Bob Purdom is planning to arrange a future membership meeting at the Washington State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray. Attendees will need current ID, and drivers a current registration and proof of auto insurance. The date to be announced.

Awards Banquet: Jim Mendenhall KE6WHN

As a result of a scheduling conflict this Saturday's planned Awards Banquet has been moved to Sunday, at the TACID facility from 12:00 to 3pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

**The RADIO CLUB OF TACOMA needs your donations...**

IF YOU HAVE UNWANTED OR UNNEEDED AMATEUR RADIO

OR RELATED EQUIPMENT.

DONATIONS PLAY A BIG PART IN FUNDING THE OPERATION OF RCT.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING IT TO THE CLUB

**If you have something to donate please contact
Frank Palmer AC7JY, Property Management Team Leader
or any member of the property management team.**

General Meeting Notes 12 December 2012

12 December 2012 MINUTES

The 12 December General Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Gary McAdams called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

Secretary	Larry Watson KD4VOM
Board	Al Ferguson N7OMS
Board	Nick Winter K7MO
Board	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board	James Mendenhall KE6WHN
Board	Glen Galati KA7BOJ

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached to the original copy of these minutes. There were 51 names on the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by Secretary Larry KD4VOM

INTRODUCTIONS: Guest and Self introductions were completed...There were several visiting hams one new ham awaiting a call.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: Frank AC7JY reported that Dan Warner KB7HIN is suffering medical issues.

Correspondence: No Report

Treasurer: The Field Day donation pig was circulated, the Club financial report can be found on the club website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VE Report: Submitted by John AC7WW

The VE report had been received but was erroneously omitted by the Secretary. It is included here for completeness.

On Tuesday, December 11 2012 the VE Team of the Radio Club of Tacoma served 17 candidates who were seeking an initial license or an upgrade. A total of 37 elements were graded with 24 being passed. Seven new Technician class amateurs and two candidates,

who passed element two and three, to become General class amateurs, joined the Amateur Service. Five candidates upgraded to General. Two candidates passed elements two, three and four to become Extra class amateurs.

Thanks to the following VE's for their time and effort.

Steve, AD7VL	Jan, K7HTU
Jon, AD7AW	Rich, KK7VH
Bob, KE7WPK	Stephen, AD7AB
Andrew, K7ASQ	Mike, AD7TH

The next monthly scheduled testing session will be Tuesday January 8, 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Doc Spike Inspirational Award:

The F Clifford "Doc" Spike (W7OS) inspirational award is presented annually to a member who has best represented the true spirit of Amateur Radio, Inspired others to promote and insure current and future success o the Radio Club of Tacoma, and devoted tireless efforts in support of Club Operations

This Year, the Doc Spike Award was presented to Bruce Hanson WE7P

The President's Award:

This year's President's Award was won by Randy Myers WB4SPB

Awards Banquet:

Thanks to Jim Mendenhall KE6WHN who arranged this year's annual awards banquet.

Copies of the Awards Banquet Program Booklet are at the reception table. They list all the volunteers who made 2012 a successful year for the Radio Club of Tacoma

Straight Key Night:New Year's Eve, Starts at 4 pm on 31 December at the Clubhouse... Come to and enjoy one of the Club's traditional events, Straight Key night, participate, observe, or just socialize... and enjoy some pizza and refreshments.

Check out the w7dk.org website for detailed description and information

PROGRAM: Summits On the Air – Presented by Bruce Pryor N7RR

Bruce, with XYL Margaret K7MWP, and assisted by Kurt Black WR5J provided an in depth program of outdoor activity that combines hiking, mountaineering and Amateur Radio. Bruce/N7RR is an active radio backpacker visiting us from Blaine. In his spare time, he manages the W7W-Washington Association for the increasingly popular SOTA activity. Hams of all ages and abilities venture out in the fresh air to become "activators" packing their QRP radios, batteries, and antennas. At the end of the trail, SOTA activators set up and operate for a few hours contest-style at the top of a mountain summit. Others participate from their home station by watching for spot reports on the Internet and joining the many "chasers" making contact with SOTA activators in our region and around the world. The use of the Elecraft K3 was demonstrated, together with the Rock Mite Cargo-Packet Emergency package developed by Bruce, showcasing the K-3's capabilities for light weight mountain

amateur radio operations

The presentation reviewed the history of this program which began in Great Britain, and migrated to the US. He highlighted preparation and safety, a close look at signal reporting systems and their pros and cons, all punctuated by outstanding mountain photography..

A copy of the SOTA Association Manual For Washington State can be found at: <http://www.sota.org.uk/docs/ARM-W7-Washington.pdf>

Bruce was ably assisted by West Seattle Amateur Radio Club President Kurt Black WR5J, who is well known in amateur radio digital circles.

SHOW AND TELL: Omitted for time

HINTS AND KINKS: Omitted for time

TUNING AND TRAFFIC: Omitted for time

DOOR PRIZES: Two soldering iron prizes were won.

RAFFLE PRIZE: Two door prize tickets were presented a work light and a homebrew coax switch.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM



Bob K7MXE has completed the framework for the reinforced base to support the MA-40 Crank-up Mast that was recently donated to the club.

Fine work, Bob!

Next step will be to excavate a suitable hole 4 or 5 feet deep, form it and pour the concrete to provide the foundation. If you've got a strong back and a shovel, I'm sure the club can provide an opportunity to work off some of those extra pounds that showed up after the holidays!



The Doc Spike W7OS Museum Report



There's a lot of 'paperwork' stuff covered in this article... it might look long and boring, but please read to the end. A new beginning:

At the Dec 2102 RCT Board Meeting the W7OS Museum's 'Purpose Statement' and how the purpose will be achieved was revealed to the RCT BOD. Since the Museum is for all club members... here is the info for you- dear club members... QRV? QRV.

The **purpose** of The Clifford J Doc Spike W7OS Museum is to preserve the history of amateur radio along with preserving the history of the club.

The purpose shall be accomplished by:

1. The Museum shall maintain a collection of commercially made amateur radio equipment, home built amateur radio equipment, and suitable military made equipment that amateurs would have used in their stations 'back in the day'.
2. The Museum shall endeavor to provide operating antique amateur radio equipment (as described in # 1) set up as 'ham sets' or stations for club members and guests to use.
3. The Museum shall maintain a small library of antique publications (aside from the Library) housed within the museum for display and hands-on use.
4. The Museum shall endeavor to educate the membership about the interesting facets of Amateur Radio as it was 'back in the day' by publishing articles in the Bark, displays within the club house, and at 'Show n Tell' sessions at RCT bi Weekly club meetings.

The Museum also has **Goals for 2013.**

A. Remove/release excess 'non museum worthy' equipment to the Property Management Team for sale or disposal.

B. Create user friendly equipment storage for museum controlled equipment.

C. Select three antique pieces of 'museum worthy' equipment to refurbish to working condition. This activity may involve interested club members who wish to develop their radio repair skills or be entertained by the process.

D. Maintain at least two working antique amateur stations that members and guests can operate.

E. Create an 'admin area' within the museum for sending/replying to QSL cards, keeping records, etc.

F. Create an equipment display shelving system in the Museum to showcase interesting 'museum worthy' equipment.

G. Create a small "Museum Kiosk" in the Lou Room that showcases one piece of museum equipment with a written description. This Kiosk display will rotate different pieces of equipment on a monthly basis.

Goal A is underway. I have identified about 180 pieces of equipment that looked old enough to be in a museum. A group of old equipment experts then carefully went through this equipment and culled out equipment that "is not museum worthy" or doesn't meet the purpose in any way. You may have noticed some of this old stuff stacked along the wall in the clubhouse upstairs library area.

Goal B is nearly finished. I have constructed

shelving in the attic/eaves space on the north side of the clubhouse to house "Museum worthy equipment and an inventory of old radio parts for repair and homebrew equipment projects.

Recently, a group of volunteers emptied out at least ten metal parts bins that have been lurking in the attic space for a long time. These parts were sorted and placed into plastic bags and stowed away. Eventually these parts will be merged with many boxes of parts and then sorted again. Members can expect lots more stuff to be placed on the Free Table like just recently.

Goal C is being worked on. I have selected an Eldico SSB-100 transmitter which was the best SSB transmitter of 1955 and its matching Linear Amp for restoration. Also, I have set aside a 1941 Hallicrafters SX28 receiver to restore. This receiver was used in WW2 by employees of the RID (now the FCC) to monitor subversive Morse transmissions (Nazi submarines?) If you read old Hallicrafters ads... they are convinced that their products won the war. RCT's own Worth, W7WG operated one of these receivers at a RID monitoring station for his part in the war effort. The SX-28 seems like the easiest task of the three... so I think this piece of equipment will be first to be restored for Museum use. After Goal F is complete I envision equipment on the shelves that can be taken down and set up on the op desk to be used to get on the air.

Goal D is currently complete thanks to a push/shove effort to have antique rigs on the air for Straight Key Night. Randy WB4SPB spent a large amount of time readying a Collins 75A4 receiver (circa 1955) to work with the Heathkit Apache AM-CW transmitter that was restored a few years ago. Also, Rich KR7W rebuilt the Acme 2X807 reproduction 1938 CW transmitter that sits next to the Museum's Hammarlund HQ120X (circa 1938) receiver. Both of these stations worked well for SKN.

I think that Goal E and G will evolve to completion as I spend more time in the Museum. Many thanks go out to the folks who donated money in the "Museum Remodeling Fund" Jar during the last end of the month mini-swap meet and free table fest... and at the Straight Key Night event. Those \$\$ go into the general fund which reimburses me and others for building materials and supplies.

Straight Key Night was successful this year. Three stations were set up. The Collins 75A4 / Heath Apache on 80 meters, the Homebrew 1938 2x807 / Hammarlund HQ120X on 40 meters, and I brought in my recently restored WRL Globe Chief-90 transmitter (circa 1955) and trusty ole Drake 2B (circa 1961) receiver to operate on 20 meters. Quite a few contacts were made at each station and all of the CW ops I noticed seemed please with the set up. Hopefully there will be a SKN report by another reporter.



The photo shows Dr. Doug, AD7AV operating the Globe Chief / Drake 2 B 'ham set' on 20 meter CW. The transmitter outputs about 80 watts into the clubs 20 meter Yagi at the top of the tower. A couple of hours before SKN began the band was in great shape and then deteriorated about 5 PM. Later in the evening few contacts were made with K6KPH, the MHRS Museum station at Pt Reyes National Seashore. Their 1500 watts was very loud here. (foto by Harry N7DOE)

A Relic from the W7DS Museum



This transmitter is well documented as used in 1935 for comms at Mt Rainier during the Olympic Trials. All hams involved are W7's. The W7DK/W7OS museum had it in the archives. The 1936 Olympics were held in Germany. A article about the event will be in the Loggers Bark in the future and a hands on exhibit will be at the club house for all to touch and see. (photo courtesy K7MXE)

STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT—1/1/2013 0000Z

As in many previous years, the Radio Club of Tacoma hosted, at the clubhouse, a family and tradition-oriented option for New Year's Eve. From 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM local time, our Straight Key Night (SKN) celebration highlighted the CW heritage of Amateur Radio and, by extension, the vacuum tube (some say "boat anchor") radio technology of a bygone era. The occasion corresponded with the first hours of the 24-hour annual ARRL-sponsored Straight Key Night event, which always begins at 0000z Jan 1.

The Gathering

We had a great turnout of about 35 club members, families and friends during the course of the afternoon and evening. Nine hams sat down to conversational CW QSOs using old fashioned straight keys and bugs at one of three "boat anchor" radio sets. Some attendees brought a Morse Code key or a code practice oscillator to enter into a judging contest (results from judge Pete, KK7QW, to be published separately). Others listened and copied along, or simply enjoyed the company and refreshments.



This is Chuck AC7QN's reproduction WW2 Paraset Spy Radio that was used by French resistance fighters to send Nazi position messages back to Great Britain. Around 3 PM, Chuck— from a clandestine location, made a QSO with W7OS on 40 meters. The Paraset's signal was pretty weak and the tone a bit chirpy but back in 1944 when the airwaves were not crowded that would've worked just fine. Chuck brought his creation in for display at the SKN party. A lot of hams have built Parasets and there are a lot of websites to look at. Check this one out first: <http://www.paraset.co.uk/>

A couple of club members brought interesting radio projects to show off. Chris, AE7XQ, brought his newly-constructed "Pig" QRP radio, and Chuck, AC7QN, brought his home-brew replica of the Paraset, a World War II, low-power, espionage radio.

Judging by the rate of consumption, the food was well-received: a combination of take-out and bake-in pizza, along with hors d'oeuvres and desserts brought in by attendees.

The Gear

Traditionally, SKN has provided an opportunity to show off the Club's antique radio museum and put W7OS on the air with vintage equipment. This year, three stations were operational. In the Museum, on 80 meters (3.5 megacycles), we ran a Heathkit Apache transmitter with a Collins 75A-4 receiver. In the same room, 40 meters (7 megacycles) was covered by the club's crystal-controlled, 1938-technology Acme 2x807 transmitter (newly refurbished by Rich, KR7W) with a Hammarlund HQ-120 receiver. And on 20M (14 megacycles) we plied the ether with a Globe Chief paired with a Drake 2B receiver.



Worth W7WG
At the controls of
the 80 Meter gear.
Heathkit Apache
xmitter and the
Collins 74A-4 re-
cently refurbished
by Randy
WB4SPB

The Goods

The following operators made a total of 15 SKN contacts during the evening: KR7W (Rich), AD7AV (Doug), N7DOE (Harry), WB4SPB (Randy), KE7WPK (Bob), W7MWF (Mike), N7UH (C.T.), N7OMS (Al), and W7WG (Worth).

This writer wishes to recognize Bob, KE7WPK, for courage and sweating the hardest in order to conduct a QSO. Likewise, Worth, W7WG, deserves mention for having taken superlative delight in an SKN contact.

In addition to Washington stations, W7OS made contact with SKN operators in Oregon, Maryland, Arizona, Texas, California, Utah, Idaho, and Oklahoma.

A great time was had by all. If you couldn't make it, sorry we missed you, and please join us for Straight Key Night next year!-submitted by Randy WB4SPB





*SKN 2013 Photos courtesy of:
Harry N7DOE
Rich KR7W
Randy WB4SPB*

Hear ye, Hear ye

The next major event scheduled for W7DK is the annual
Freeze Your Buns Off (FYBO)
Scheduled for February 2, 2013
Owens Beach, Point Defiance Park

Please contact Rich KR7W for the latest info
Or check the club website *w7dk.org*



Here's Randy WB4SPB operating KR7W's QRP equipment at Owen Beach at Pt. Defiance Park in the Freeze Your Buns Off QRP Winter Field Day that took place on Feb 4, 2012. Randy is experiencing a short burst of sunshine along with the music of Morse Code. The FYBO Contest is a Radio Club regularly scheduled event, sponsored by the Arizona SQRPIons QRP Club, that takes place the first Saturday in February. W7DK has been awarded First Place (world champs) Prize for battling adverse elements such as 5 watts or less, crummy antennas, long feed lines and the BRRRRRR Cold WX. Be sure to attend the 2013 FYBO which takes place on Saturday, Feb 2. (foto by Jim Olsen WJ1MMY cub reporter)

Operator's Wallpaper

If you have any special, or cool, or unique, or simply beautiful QSL cards in your collection that you'd like to share, please scan (high resolution is preferred) and email to the Bark Editor w7dk-news@earthlink.net.

In this month's issue of The Logger's Bark we're featuring cards from the collection of RCT Member Don W7DRT. Note the confirmation is for 6 DXpedition contacts on 6 separate bands over a 4-day period. Thanks, Don, for sharing them.



A world record breaking DXpedition by FSDXA despite our container not arriving!

KIRITIMATI 2011 213,116 QSOs in 24 days
(Included above are 1,770 QSOs made by the advance party)

STATION EQUIPMENT

- 12 Yaesu FT4500 transceivers loaned by Yaesu UK Ltd
- Various linears loaned by team members and others
- 20 ICOM laptops running StarLog
- 18 W3NNN filters from Array Solutions
- 12 Heil Prosets and footswitches

MAIN ANTENNAS

The DXpedition used primarily vertical antennas constructed using fibreglass poles and positioned close to the high water line on a north east facing beach

- 160m.....50 foot top-loaded vertical with 32 radials
- 80m.....Quarter wave vertical with 32 radials
- 40m.....Quarter wave vertical with 2 elevated radials and a reflector
- 30m.....Quarter wave vertical with 2 elevated radials
- 20m.....2 x 2 element vertical dipole arrays
- 17m.....2 phased 2 element vertical dipole arrays
- 15m.....2 x 2 element vertical dipole arrays
- 12m.....2 element vertical dipole array
- 10m.....2 element vertical dipole array and dipole at 35 ft
- 8m.....8 element 6M8SJ M2 Yagi

We also erected a number of Beverages for receiving on LF

QSL to:
Neville Chapple G2NUG
Lower Withers Barns
Middleton on the Hill
LEOMINSTER
Herefordshire
HR6 0HY
United Kingdom

To Radio W7DRT
Confirming your 2-way QSOs with T32C

Date	UTC	MHz	Mode	RST	Operator
15-Oct-11	1627	14.0	SSB	59	G3USR
15-Oct-11	2330	28.0	SSB	59	ON7RU
16-Oct-11	0201	24.9	SSB	59	G3UML
17-Oct-11	0036	18.0	SSB	59	G3USR
17-Oct-11	0444	7.0	SSB	59	G3SVL
19-Oct-11	2259	21.0	SSB	59	G3UML

DXPEDITION MEMBERS

Neville G2NUG (Team Leader)	Tony G0DPB	Ian G7YBY	Paul G8HNU
Chris G2SVA (Co-Leader)	Niall G0VJG	Mark G4AXX	Bob M0XCE
John G2WGV (Co-Leader)	Richard G3RWL	John G4KGS	Arne N0HC
Michael G0TCM2	Fred G3SVL	Nick G4FAL	Bob N0DK
Fran G0R18	Lucy G3UML	Mike G4UUF	Frank G0VRS
Falk G0YTY	Dave G3UNA	Tony G4DL	Ronald G3EWP
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Gerard F2JED	Mike G0VPH	Chris G4SPD	
Michel F4BUD	Don G0XTT	Bob G4YDX	



Dateline: January 2013

Sparky's "View from the Shack"

This and that around the club, and more.

Sparky's welcomes comments, ideas and letters to "The RCT View", but reserves the right to procrastinate, and generally ignore social engineering or cranky inputs. Editorial philosophy — While there occasionally may be reason and rhyme as we go along, the goal is to ramble through the many and varied activities of the Club and its members as we take another trip around the sun.



- Legacy photo
- Around the Club
- View from the Shack

Legacy Photo



Here's one from the RCT Archives

Here's the gent who was the original inspiration and the first recipient of the Doc Spike Inspirational award. Looking at the gear, he'd be right at home in the W7OS Museum for Straight Key night.

We pause at the end of the year and reflect on our activities and events, and those who made them happen...

Around the Club...

Open House continues to be an active Club program, creating opportunities for socializing, Elmering, and picking up new skills

Facilities Management Team: The Simmons room is beginning to take shape although all the ideas on how it should look in the end aren't quite clear. What we do know is that we have limited space and we want to keep the main entry room clean and appealing to both visitors and club members. It will be a multipurpose room for certain, hosting the large flat panel screen and computer system, along with the club repeater gear and internet hub central. Plans call for doing the plumbing necessary to restore the downstairs operating station. And build out an Emergency Operating Station capability. It has already proven to be a draw for all. The task for the Facilities Team is to consider the competing ideas and come up with a recommended plan for the board. Its there for all to use...and enjoy

Information Technology: All of the approved IT gear has been received, assembled and is now operational. The three new computers have been deployed to the HF room, the Classroom and the Simmons room. The new system proved very useful at the RCT Planning meeting held recently. The presentation capabilities worked flawlessly and should prove valuable for a variety of educational and other uses.

Emergency Operations: The Club Emergency Operations Plan Has been adopted by the Board, and although competing priorities have forced it to the back burner for now. Expect this program to begin moving again in the spring. If you are interested in participating in the Club's EmComm program, contact Larry KD4VOM, he's in the book.

Emergency Power: The Club's Generator committee completed their report earlier this year and presented their findings to the Board. This project too is suffering from competing priorities, but hasn't been forgotten.

Elections: The members have spoken once again, and this year the sitting officers and board members were all returned to their seats for another two years. Thanks to all who participated in the election

Bylaws Revision: This November, by more than a two thirds ballot, we adopted the revised Bylaws. They can be found at the w7dk.org website.

Field Day: This year's Field Day is a few months away, but its not too early to get the team organized. The sooner we start, the easier it will be to put together another solid field event. The club is now accepting volunteers to manage this year's Field Day. If you have the skills, but not the experience, we have a ready crew who can Elmer you to perfection.... Contact our fearless leader Gary McAdams WG7X... He's waiting for your call....(Really he is...)

Awards Banquet



This year's Annual Awards Banquet went very well indeed, although we did have to shuffle the date a day to resolve a scheduling disconnect. Thanks to Jim Mendenhall KE4WHN and especially his XYL for making this years event a resounding success. I

2012 Volunteers in Service to the RCT

All of our elected Officers continue this year

Awards Banquet

2012

Mendenhall, Jim KE6WHN
Amschler, Paul KE7WTK
Clarke, John AC7WW
Burstiner, Leonard KA7NWF
Hanson, Bruce W7EP
Hewlett, Greta KF7KSW
Hewlett, bob N7NCP
Lentz, Alan W7AML
Palmer, Jill K7JIL
Palmer, Frank AC7JY
Purdom, Bob AD7LJ
Sim, Dianne, W7SIM
Watson, Larry KD4VOM

BARK

Finnie, Mike W7MWF
McAdams, Gary WG7X
Ferguson, Al N7OMS
Heselberg, Bob K7MXE
Jamison, Robert KE7WPK
Kemmer, Chuck AC7QN
Patrick, Rich KR7W
Watson, Larry KD4VOM

Bulk Mail Operations

Watson, Larry KD4VOM
Clarke, John AC7WW
Hanson, Bruce WE7P

Mailings - (the Stuffers)

Blacksten, Steve AD7VL
Finnie, Mike W7MWF
Glidden, Gregg KF7BAO
Hanson, Bruce WE7P
Hewlett, bob N7NCP
Hewlett, Greta KF7KSW
Johnson, Chris
Johnson, Karl K7KHJ
Kurtz, Maury WW7OT
Lilly, Verna KF7SCB
Marsh, Frankie KF7FEF
Mendenhall, Jim KE6WHN
Watson, Larry KD4VOM

Facilities Management

Interior upgrades

David, Pete KK7QW
Ferguson, Al N7OMS
Hanson, Bruce WE7P
Kemmer, Chuck AC7QN
Patrick, Rich KR7W

Exterior

Ferguson, Al N7OMS
Kemmer, Chuck AC7QN
Patrick, Rich KR7W

Garage Reorganization

Palmer, Frank AC7JY
David, Pete KK7QW
Hanson, Bruce WE7P
Heselberg, Bob K7HW

Remodeling, Construction

Churchill, Al AC7BU
David, Pete KK7QW
Ferguson, Al N7OMS
Hanson, Bruce WE7P
Heselberg, Bob K7MXE
Patrick, Rich KR7W
Wingerter, Pat WT7N
Kemmer, Chuck AC7QN

Grounds Maintenance

Churchill, Al AC7BU
Heselberg, Bob K7MXE
Hanson, Bruce WE7P

Field Day 2012

Adams, Harry W7HSA
Adams, Linda AB7YL
Allen, Bruce N7MI
Baker, Peter AD7EU
Ballard, C T N7UH
Blacksten, Steve AD7VL
Brassard, Ray KE7BZD
Burstiner, Leonard KA7NWF
Buck, Chris KE7LDE
Churchill, Al AC7BU
Clarke, John AC7WW
Clarke, Connie







David, Pete KK7QW
Elwell, Mike W7GHW
Ferguson, Al N7OMS
Finnie, Mike W7MWF
Galati, Glen KA7BOJ
Gilbertson, Jan K7HTU
Gurley, Worth W7WG
Hanson, Bruce WE7P
Hatfield, Jim K7SSS
Hewlett, Bob N7NCP
Hewitt, Greta KF7KSW
Kemmer, Chuck AC7QN
Kurtz, Maury W7OT
Leatham, Jay KD7DKY
Lentz, Alan W7AML
Lester, Joe K7ZG
Marsh, Franky KF7FEF
Mendenhall, Jim KE7WHN
Mikuchonis, Mike W7XTZ
Mitze, Bud K7BUD
Morton, Stephen AD7AB
Morrison, Dale AD7SQ
Myers, Randy WB4SPB
Nelsen, Si KA7AQT
Patrick, Rich KR7W
Perrussel, Bruce WB7TVS
Purdum, Bob AC7LJ
Riley, David KF7GBL
Riley, Jim KE7PVZ
Sim, Diane W7SIM
Smith, Charles KD7UAN
Terwilliger, Roger WA7ANJ
Terwilliger, Lucy KF7HQL
Watson, Larry KD4VOM
Wright, Bill AC7QI
Palmer, Frank AC7JY

Information Technology

Andresen, David W7HTJ
Ferguson, Al N7OMS
Hatlestad, Don K7OG
Morton, Stephen AD7AB
Myers, Randy WB4SBP
Quamme, Andrew K7ASQ

Library

Ferguson, Al N7OMS
Oakman, Doug AD7AV
Wingerter, Pat WT7N

Meetings**Programs:**

Palmer, Frank AC7JY

Reception/Presentations

Allen, Bruce N7MI
Burstiner, Leonard KA7NWF
Mendenhall, Jim KE6WHN

Coffee and Such

Kurtz, Maury W7OT
Mikuchonis, Mike W7XTZ
Riley, David W7BAD
Riley, Jim KE7PVZ

Membership

Johnson, Karl K7KHJ
Van Every, Rick N7YFE
Watson, Larry KD4VOM

Mike and Key Table

Blacksten, Steve AD7VL
Jensen, Chris W7YX
Mikuchonis, Mike W7XTZ

W7OS Museum

Patrick, Rich KR7W
David, Pete KK7QW
Ferguson, Al N7OMS

Open House Duty Officers

Burleson, Al K7HW
Clarke, John AC7WW
Hanson, Bruce W7EP
Lester, Joe K7ZG
McAdams, Gary WG7X
Myers, Randy WB4SPB
Palmer, Frank AC7JY
Watson, Larry KD4VOM

Photographs

Clarke, Connie XYL
Elwell, Mike W7GHW
Leatham, Jay KD7DKY
Lester, Joe K7ZG
Myers, Randy WB4SPB
Watson, Larry KD4VOM

Property Management

Allen, Bruce N7MI
David, Pete KK7QW
Ferguson, Al N7OMS
Hanson, Bruce WE7P
Hegseth, Jack K7DBU
Heselberg, Bob K7MXE
McAdams, Gary WG7X
Mendenhall, Jim KE6WHN
Palmer, Frank AC7JY
Patrick, Rich KR7W
Watson, Larry KD4VOM

Public Service

Scouting: WashJam
Blacksten, Steve AD7VL
Johnson, Karl, K7KHJ
Glidden, Gregg KF7BAO

Sunshine

Palmer, Jill K7JIL

Training ProgramTechnician's Course

Morton, Steve AD7AB
Robinson, Mike AD7TH

CW Course

Myers, Randy WB4SPB
Patrick, Rich KR7W

Volunteer Examiner Program

Adams, Harry W7HSA
Baldassari, Joe W7RQ
Blacksten, Steven AD7VL
Burstiner, Leonard KA7NWF
Clarke, John AC7WW
Gilbertson, Jan K7HTU
Glidden, Gregg KF7BAO
Hamilton, Jon AD7AW
Heasty, Richard KK7VH
Hicks, Casey WY7V
Jamison, Robert KE7WPK
Lawrence, Jim N7RHX
Lester, Joe K7ZG
Kohtala, Gary K7EK
Morton, Stephen AD7AB
Quamme, Andrew K7ASQ
Robinson, Michael AD7TH
Saucedo, Roddney WV7O

W7DK System EngineeringRepeater Committee

Glidden, Gregg KF7BAO
Kemmer, Chuck AC7QN
Lentz, Alan W7AML
Morton, Stephen AD7AB
Winter, Nick K7MO

HF Station

David, Pete KK7AW
Hanson, Bruce WE7P
Patrick, Rich KR7W
Winter, Nick K7MO

W7DK Operations2 Meter Net

Baker, Peter AD7EU
McAdams, Gary WG7X
Mendenhall, Jim KE6WHN
Peterson, Scott KA7IOX

10 Meter Net

Neece, Lynn WR7G

FYBO

Blacksten, Steve AD7VL
Buck, Chris KE7LDE
David, Pete KK7QW
Ferguson, Al N7OMS
Finnie, Mike W7MWF
Jamison, Bob KE7WPK

Leatham, Jay KD7DKY
Kemmer, Chuck AC7QN
Lester, Joe K7ZG
Myers, Randy WB4SPB
Patrick, Rich KR7W
Quamme, Andrew K7ASQ

Rookie Roundup

Lester, Joe K7ZG
Finnie, Mike W7MWF
Mikuchonis, Mike W7XTZ
Williams, Wayne KF7SOV
Winkler, Joe KF7PXB

Salmon Run Operating Event

Baker, Peter, AD7EU
David, Pete KK7QW
Ferguson, Al N7OMS
Hanson, Bruce WE7P
McAdams, Gary WG7X
Myers, Randy WB4SBP
Purdom, Bob AD7LJ

Salmon Run & Pledge Drive

Baker, Peter AD7EU
Watson, Larry KD4VOM

Straight Key Night

Adams, Harry W7HSA
Adams, Linda AB7YL
Allison, Victor K7VWA
Amschler Paul KE7WTK
Andresen, Dave W7HTJ
Baker, Peter AD7EU
Bond, Ollie, AD7CC
Bosnyak, Bob AD7WU
Burstiner, Leonard KA7NWF
David, Pete KK7QW
Finnie, Mike W7MWF
Gurley, Worth, W7WG
Hamilton, Jon AD7AW
Hayes, Mark, KF7MSP
Hanson, Bruce WE7P
Jamison, Bob KE7WPK
Kemmer, Chuck AC7QN
Lester, Joe K7ZG
Lilly, Verna KF7SCB
Manson, Rich N7ANF
Morton, Stephen AD7AB
Myers, Randy WB4SBP
Myrdal, Sooz XYL
Oakman, Doug AD7AV
Patrick, Rich KR7W
Vandenheuvel, Bob KE7ECQ
Winter, Nick K7MO
Wong, Harry N7DOE

W7DK Hamfest

Allen, Bruce N7MI
Baker, Peter AD7EU
Buettner, KSTO
Burleson, Al K7HW
Burstiner, Leonard KA7NWF
Churchill, Al - AC7BU
Clarke, John - AC7WW
Clarke, Connie XYL
David, Pete - KK7QW
Ferguson, Al - N7OMS
Hamilton, Jon - AD7AW
Hanson, Bruce - WE7P
Hatfield, Jim K7SSS
Hayes, Mark KF7MSP
Hegseth, Jack - K7DBU
Heselberg, Bob - K7MXE
Hewlett, Bob N7NCP
Hewlett, Greta KF7KSW
Johnson, Karl K7KHJ
Kurtz, Maury - W7OT
Leatham, Jay KD7DKY
Lilly, Verna KF7SCB
Marsh, Frankie - KF7FEF
Mendenhall, Jim -KE6WHN
Mikuchonis, Mike W7XTZ
Morton, Stephen - AD7AB
Myers, Randy WB4SPB
Palmer, Frank AC7JY
Purdom, Bob AC7LJ
Riley, David - KF7GBL
Riley, James - KE7PVZ
Watson, Larry KD4VOM

W7DK.org Website

Lester Joe K7ZG
Patrick, Rich KR7W

W7DK Picnic

Blacksten, Steve AD7VL
Churchill, Al AC7BU
David, Pete KK7QW
Hicks, Casey, WY7V

W7DK @ the Fair

Amschler, Paul WB6MRI
Clarke, John AC7WW
Myers, Randy WB4SBP
Steve Morton AC7AB

Served 2012 Fair tours

Buck, Chris K7CRB
Burstiner, Leonard KA7NWF
Churchill, AL AC7BU
Niemi, Cindy XYL
Clarke, Connie XYL
Clarke, John AC7WW
Cline, Ron KF7HQU
Crockett, Will K7EMU*

Farnes, Dennis KA7IIV*
Ferguson, Alan N7OMS
Finnie, Mike W7MWF
Garden, Bob KF7GPO
Gilbertson, Jan K7HTU
Hamilton, Jon AD7AW
Hanson, Bruce WE7P
Hayes, Mark KF7MSP
Hicks, Casey WY7V
Jacobson, Marv KC7JKA
Jenson, Chris W7YX
Johnson, Karl K7KHJ
Kear, Carrie KD7GUK*
Kear, Richard KD6FEA*
Kemmer, Chuck AC7QN
Leatham, Jay KD7DKY
Lester, Joe K7ZG
Lilly, Verna KF7SCB
Marsh, Franky KF7FEF
Mendenhall, James KE6WHN
Morton, Jeanne KD7ZBM
Morton, Stephen AD7AB
Myers, Randy WB4SPB
Nace, Kathleen N0EYK
Nace, Roger K8RN
Neese, Lynn WR7G
Nelsen, Si KA7AQT
Niemi, Bill KC7M
Palmer, Frank AC7JY
Palmer, Jill K7JIL
Purdom, Bob AD7LJ
Quamme, Andrew K7ASQ
Richardson, Larry K7LBD*
Robinson, Michael AD7TH*
Root, Ed KC7OKS
Root, Gwen KD7NES
Schraw, Jim KF7SDA *
Shattock, Ken KC7ZJC
Sim, Diane W7SIM
Smythe, Jeff KB7QAG*
Tompkins, Bob KD7IBU*
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Wong, Harry N7DOE

Thanks too to the folks who helped us get the annual membership renewal notices out. To Karl K7KHJ, who manages our database and prepared the nifty new renewal forms and letters, as well as the folks who stuffed the envelopes for mailing; Greta , KF7KSW Steve , AD7VL Verna , KF7SCB Chris Johnson (son of Karl Johnson) Karl , K7KHJ and Gregg , KF7BAO

View from the Shack.

Sparky's been a bit absent the past few months, but hopefully time will permit a regular article for the BARK.

Sparky "Everyone seems normal until you get to know them..."

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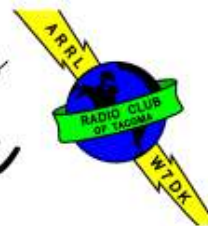
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To RCT Member:



Upcoming RCT Events

FEBRUARY 2, 2013 FYBO FREEZE YOUR BUNS OFF AT OWENS BEACH

CLUB MEETINGS: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Board Meeting: First Wednesday of the month at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend .

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz

Check into the weekly 10 meter net: Sundays at 8:00 PM on 28.375 MHz .